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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MANABU KATO) Examiner: D. Schuberg
Appln. No.: 08/951,635) Group Art Unit: 2872
(Continuation Under 37 C.F.R. §1.62)
of Application No. 08/607,169 filed)
February 26, 1996))
Filed: October 17, 1997)
For: SCANNING OPTICAL) May 9, 2002
APPARATUS)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the paragraph starting at page 1, before line 1, with the following replacement paragraph. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

--This application is a continuation of Application No. 08/607,169 filed February 26, 1996, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 08/522,118 filed August 31, 1995.--